

## REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The specification has been amended to reference the international application.

In addition, claims 13 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The rejection of claims 13 and 16 under 35 USC 102 are thus deemed to be overcome.

The Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication that claims 1-12 and 14-15 are allowed.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully solicited.

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